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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. Fairly good sales were reported on frozen packer label and private label hens and toms. Offerings are adequate for current inquiries. Demand was light to moderate. Bulk parts and meats trading was limited. Supplies were adequate to short. Inquiry was light to instances moderate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was moderate. Demand was mixed with most interest centered on the post Easter holiday period. Offerings were adequate to short.

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OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-67.75	67.75	67.75	2200	68.00	400	JUN	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	-	-	-	69.00	400	JUL	6000	MAR-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	71.00	400	AUG	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-65.75	65.75	65.75	1280	66.00	332	JUN	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-64	-	-	-	67.00	332	JUL	6000	MAR-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-	69.00	332	AUG	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 MARCH 2005.

The market tone on tom drums was mostly steady, necks steady to fully steady and wings steady to barely steady for current shipments. Demand light to instances moderate with inquiry centered on drums for April export shipments. Offerings of tom necks light, tom drums light to adequate and tom wings adequate to fully adequate. Trading active on tom drums for export, balance slow. Grade A basted 16-18 lb. breasts traded at 120 cents delivered domestic.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	105.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00		40.00	3
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	40.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	39.00	320
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	33.00-34.00		33.37	54
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	45.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	79.45	220
NECKS, TOM	20.00-23.00		22.09	66
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	164.67	180
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	160.00		160.00	160
THIGH MEAT	89.00		89.00	8
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	93.00	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	138.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		M	109.00	60
TENDERLOINS		M	152.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	152.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		T	170.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	80.00		80.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	30.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	30.00		30.00	20

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00-40.00		37.38	640
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	30.08	248
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	52.00	104
TAILS		F	24.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	30.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	86.63	768

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	64-74

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 23 MARCH 2005.

The market tone on tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenderloins was steady to instances firm, fresh destrapped tenderloins steady, breast trim steady to fully steady, scapula and wing meat with skin steady to barely steady. Demand on tom breast meat, breast trim and frozen destrapped tenderloins was light to moderate, balance of white meat demand light. Some industry members were working shortened schedules either this week or next week due to the Easter holiday weekend. Offerings of tom breast meat, breast trim and frozen destrapped tenderloins were light and held with confidence, balance of fresh white meat light to adequate and frozen adequate to ample. Trading slow to instances moderate, best on tom necks. For domestic (rib breasts): plant grade basted 12-14 lb. 100, Grade A non-basted 14-16 lb. 140, Grade A basted 16-18 lb. 120, Grade A non-basted 18-20 lb. 130 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	40.00	3
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	40.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	38.00		38.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	32.00-34.00		33.00	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	42.00-46.00		43.60	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	80.00		80.00	100
NECKS, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.14	280
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	170.00		170.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	163.00-165.00		163.50	160
THIGH MEAT		T	89.00	8
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	93.00	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT	136.00-139.00		137.25	160
SCAPULA MEAT	107.00		107.00	120
TENDERLOINS		M	152.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	154.00		154.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	80.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	31.00-33.00		32.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	28.00		28.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00		37.00	156
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	32.00		32.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	52.00	104
TAILS		F	24.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	30.00		30.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	89.50		89.50	120

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 03/23/05

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	CUMULATIVE		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITE	BREEDS
2004-2005	No report issued.		
2003-2004	21,075	210,534	210,534

BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 03/16/05

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	CUMULATIVE		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITE	BREEDS
2004-2005	10,550	197,483	197,483
2003-2004	No report issued.		